

Sunday Worship

July 12, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Sowing the Seeds of the Gospel

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "In the Courts of Praise" Colin Curtis

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 65 Leader

Leader: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

Leader: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

People: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

Leader: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

People: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

Leader: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

People: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

***Opening Hymn** "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH #601

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Holy Jesus, you are the Word of God. The truth of God simply flows through you; in your words and in your actions. May we be witnesses of that truth today. May *the Spirit of God that dwells in us* prepare our hearts to receive it. May we be *good soil*; those who *hear the word and understand it*, bearing much fruit for the kingdom of God. In the same way, teach us to be sowers of your Word, spreading your good news with reckless abandon. *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.* It's in your name that we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Romans 8:1–11](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message Go & Sow! Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Come, We that Love the Lord" UMH #732

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we again approach your altar with songs of praise, hearts ready to serve, and gifts for Your kingdom. Allow your truth and your Holy Spirit remind us that *we are not in the flesh, but we are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in us.* Therefore, may these gifts and our Spirit-filled lives be a *living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.* Do with these gifts, and do unto our lives, as You please. May Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "When God Restored Our TFWS #2182
Common Life"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707
(v. 2)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

July 19th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Romans 12:1-8](#)) and hear from Patti and Sheryl words from Bishop Bickerton and their thoughts on "**Faith for our Future.**" Plug in to BE the Church!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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